# MISSION 37

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VRRM

MAY I CHECK YOUR I.D. AND INVITATION, SIR?

SKREE

RMB

AH, MR. HAMILTON, SIR.

PLEASE, GO RIGHT AHEAD.

RMB

YOU ARE NOW ENTERING EDEN ACADEMY.

HEIGHTENED SECURITY IS IN PLACE FOR THE IMPERIAL SCHOLARS MIXER.

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VRRM

THE IMPERIAL SCHOLARS MIXER.

A TRADITIONAL GET-TOGETHER HELD TWICE A YEAR AND OPEN ONLY TO IMPERIAL SCHOLARS, THEIR PARENTS, AND SELECT ALUMNI.

EFFECTIVELY, A MEETING OF THE NATION'S POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL LEADERS, AS WELL AS ITS TOP SCHOLARS, SCIENTISTS, ARTISTS, ATHLETES, AND OTHER PROMINENT FIGURES.

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IT FREAKS ME OUT TO THINK THAT SSS AGENTS ARE PROBABLY LURKING IN THE BUSHES.

Ha ha ha

TMP

WITH THIS MANY V.I.P.S ON CAMPUS, WHAT'D YOU EXPECT?

I SEE SECURITY IS AS TIGHT AS EVER THIS YEAR.

THIS LEVEL OF SECURITY IS NORMALLY RESERVED FOR MEETINGS OF PARTY LEADERSHIP.

NOT THAT I EVER ASSUMED IT WOULD BE EASY.

IT DEFINITELY MAKES INFILTRATION A CHALLENGE.

GUH...

IN THE PAST...

...EVERY INFILTRATION ATTEMPT BY WESTERN AGENTS ENDED IN FAILURE.

THERE'S LITTLE POINT IN TRYING AGAIN WHEN SECURITY HAS ONLY GOTTEN TIGHTER.

IN-DEED...

GETTING IN WITHOUT AN IMPERIAL SCHOLAR WOULD BE QUITE THE FEAT.

BUT IF THAT WEREN'T TRUE, WE WOULDN'T HAVE NEEDED OPERATION STRIX IN THE FIRST PLACE.

BESIDES THE FRONT DOOR, A HANDFUL OF FIXED WINDOWS ARE THE ONLY POSSIBLE ENTRANCES.

THE MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE TOWER OF WISDOM.

OK

THAT SHOULD FOIL ANY ATTEMPT TO WEAR A DISGUISE OR IMPLANT A LISTENING DEVICE ON A GUEST.

THAT LEAVES THE MAIN ENTRANCE, WHERE THE IDENTITIES OF GUESTS ARE CAREFULLY CHECKED. EVERYONE IS SEARCHED AND MUST PASS THROUGH STATE-OF-THE-ART DETECTION DEVICES.

THERE IS NO VIABLE WAY TO GET IN FROM BENEATH THE TOWER.

THERE'S A GARDEN AT THE TOP OF THE TOWER, BUT ANY ATTEMPT TO INFILTRATE FROM ABOVE WOULD BE TOO CONSPICUOUS.

WELL ...

SO DOES THAT MEAN THERE'S NO WAY TO INFILTRATE THE TOWER?

WHAT ABOUT ENTERING THE BUILDING DAYS IN ADVANCE AND HIDING THERE...? NO, THE RISKS INVOLVED WOULD BE CONSIDERABLE.

AND SINCE ALL NEARBY BUILDINGS AREN'T AS TALL, THERE IS NO WAY TO READ LIPS THROUGH SURREPTITIOUS OBSERVATION.

IF MY MISSION WERE TO ASSASSINATE DESMOND, THEN IT WOULD BE AN OPTION WORTH CONSIDERING.

BUT IT WOULD ONLY WORK ONCE.

TAKING IT BY FORCE IS A REALISTIC POSSIBILITY.

HOWEVER, THE GOAL OF OPERATION STRIX IS TO ESTABLISH CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH THE TARGET.

TO EXTRACT INFORMATION FROM WITHIN HIS INNER CIRCLE.

I COULD POSE AS AN EDEN EMPLOYEE OR A WAITER OR SOMETHING. BUT THEN WHAT REASON WOULD HE HAVE TO CONVERSE WITH ME?

POSING AS A KNOWN FIGURE WOULD LEAVE ME VULNERABLE TO DISCOVERY. NOT TO MENTION THE CHALLENGE OF DECEIVING THE IMPERIAL SCHOLAR I'D NEED TO MINGLE WITH.

BUT I WASN'T HERE LAST WEEK?

A PLEASURE SEEING YOU LAST WEEK.

YOU'RE ACTING WEIRD TODAY, DAD.

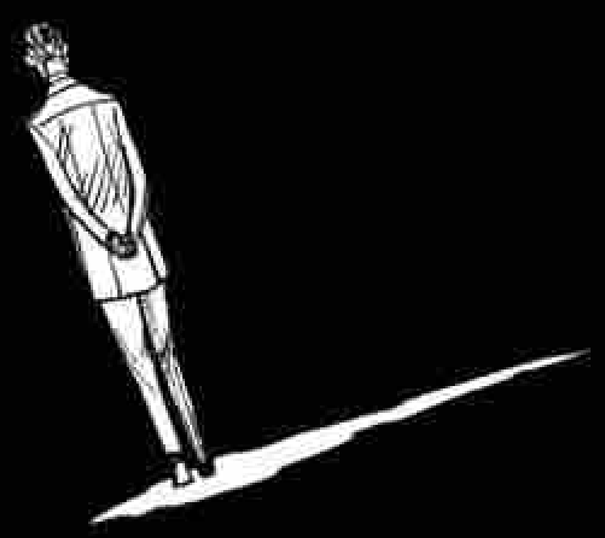
SUPPOSE I CLEARED ALL HURDLES AND APPROACHED HIM IN SOME SORT OF GUISE.

I THINK MY BEST BET IS STILL TO MAKE CONTACT AS LOID FORGER.

SO ALL I CAN DO NOW IS OBSERVE AND PREPARE FOR NEXT TIME.

I CAN'T PURSUE ANY PLAN THAT COULD AROUSE SUSPICIONS.

HE'S FAMOUSLY CAUTIOUS. ONE MISTAKE, AND HE COULD STOP ATTENDING THESE EVENTS COMPLETELY.



OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE CONTACT WITH DESMOND OUTSIDE OF THE TOWER ARE VIRTUALLY NONEXISTENT.

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DONNNG

...AND THAT CONCLUDES CLASS FOR TODAY.

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BUT MAYBE I SHOULD EXPLORE THOSE POSSIBILITIES, HOWEVER SLIM THEY MAY BE...

CHATTER

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REMEMBER, THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED THIS AFTERNOON FOR THE IMPERIAL SCHOLARS EVENT.

SO UNLESS YOU HAVE A REASON TO BE HERE, PLEASE LEAVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS PROMPTLY.

CHATTER

AND THE STARLET AMY IS GONNA BE THERE!

NO WAY!

I HEARD THE COSMONAUT YA CHAYKA WILL BE GIVING A SPEECH!

CHATTER

THEY SAY IT'S FULL OF FAMOUS PEOPLE.

CHATTER

I WONDER WHAT GOES ON AT THAT MEETING?

RRRING

*This is Damian Desmond, first grader at Cecile Hall.*

*I'd like to speak to Demetrius Desmond, please.*

...

YOUR BROTHER IS AN IMPERIAL SCHOLAR, RIGHT?

OOH, IS YOUR DAD GONNA BE THERE, DAMIAN?

LIM, DID YOU HEAR ME?

*Sweet! We get a half day!*

CHAK

What?

H-hey, Demetrius ...

H...

...

Tell him I was hoping I could see him afterward, even if it's just for a little bit...

Sorry, it's just, um...

What do you want?

About tomorrow...

...

...and I'll be waiting for him in the courtyard of library 2.

You're going to that Imperial Scholars mixer, right?

Can you deliver a message to Father for me?

Yeah.

But don't get your hopes up. He's a busy man.

EDEN COLLEGE

I'll tell him.

I know.

...

BEEP BEEP

KLAK

Okay, then. Bye.

Yeah.

Is that all?

SLAM

DORMITORY RULES

WHAAAT? NO FAIR!

HEY, DAMIAN, I WANT TO MEET YOUR—

MY DADDY IS COMING TO PICK ME UP TODAY, AND HE WANTS TO SAY HI TOO! DO YOU MIND?

HEY, CAN I SAY HI TO YOUR DAD?

LEAVE ME ALONE!

RMB

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SY-ON BOY IS GOING TO SEE HIS EVIL SUPERBOSS DAD?

YOU WANNA DO SOME SHOPPING THIS AFTER-NOON?

RMB

B-BOSS MAN!

TMP TMP TMP

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STOMP STOMP

...

SO NOW IT'S COME TO THIS.

SNEAK

SNEAK

I COULDN'T WIN SY-ON BOY'S HEART WITH FASHION.

GET AWAY FROM ME! YOU'RE TOTALLY CREEPING ME OUT!

YOU'VE BEEN ACTING WEIRD SINCE LAST WEEK!

GLARE

...

I'LL TAIL SY-ON BOY AND FACE THE SUPERBOSS HEAD-ON!

Hm!

MY PAPA WOULD BE A GREAT BARGAIN FOR YOU.

HUH? WHAT IS IT?

THMP THMP

BOSS MAN, COULD IT BE THAT THE REASON SHE'S CHASING YOU...

GROW SOME LEGS, RUNT!

YOU STUPID COW!

What a jerk!

BAM

YEAH! SHE'S THE SAME AS ALL THE OTHERS!

BAM

SHE MAY BE FOLLOWING YOU IN AN ATTEMPT TO CURRY FAVOR WITH YOUR FATHER.

NO, ANYA, YOU'LL GET EXPELLED.

I THINK I SHOULD PROBABLY PUNCH HIM AGAIN.

FWSH

YOU'RE A CREEPY STALKER FREAK! KEEP AWAY FROM ME!

HUH?!

KRAK

DAMMIT. SHE STILL ISN'T GETTING ALONG WITH DAMIAN...

IS OUR PLAN B DOOMED AS WELL?!

WHAT? LET'S GO HOME ALREADY!

WAIT FOR MEEE!

TMP TMP

We'll fight the superboss together!

Heh?

FWSH

REGARDLESS, I SHOULD FOLLOW DAMIAN IN CASE HE ATTEMPTS TO MAKE CONTACT WITH HIS FATHER OUTSIDE OF THE EVENT...

OR IS THAT HER STRIVING TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH HIM, IN HER OWN WAY?

I guess she should be commended for that.

PAPA?!

HE ACTUALLY IS GOING TO MEET WITH HIS FATHER! THIS IS PERFECT!

WE COULD HEAD TO THE IMPERIAL SCHOLARS THING AND CHECK IT OUT.

TMP TMP

Nah ...

ARE YOU GOING TO WAIT AT THE COURTYARD ALREADY?

YOUR FATHER WON'T BE ABLE TO COME UNTIL THE MIXER IS OVER, RIGHT?

It's going to be a while.

DM DM DM

DM

DM

I THINK I WET MYSELF...

So many Imperial Scholars!

Eeep ...

...

WHOA... ARE YOU SEEING THIS?!

INCREDIBLE, HUH? EVEN AMONG ALL THESE FAMOUS PEOPLE, YOUR DAD IS A V.I.P.

YOU OKAY, BOSS MAN?

...

AND AS HIS SON, YOU ARE TOO, DAMIAN.

WAIT, WHAT?!

I was so close!

YOU'RE RIGHT. FATHER IS AN INCREDIBLE MAN.

AND HE'S REALLY BUSY.

HE DOESN'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE ON PEOPLE LIKE ME.

I'M GONNA TELL MY DAD NOT TO BOTHER.

WHAT?!

FWIP

I'LL GO LET MY BROTHER KNOW.

I'LL HAVE HIM TELL DAD THAT—

SHAA!

I CAN'T LET YOU DO THAT!

ULP!

HOW...? IS SHE READING MY MIND OR SOME-THING?!

HUH ?!

SMIRK

YOU SCARED, SY-ON BOY?

YOU ARE. I KNOW IT.

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO GET LOST, STALKER!

HEH!

...YOU ONLY GOT 50 POINTS ON YOUR READING TEST THE OTHER DAY!

I MEAN, I KNOW THAT...

uh...

HOW ?!

FRET

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WOW, MAYBE ANYA REALLY IS A STALKER!

HEH HEH HEH. BECAUSE I WAS PEEKING OVER YOUR SHOULDER.

And what does that have to do with anything?

HOW COULD YOU KNOW ...?

CLENCH

I DON'T REALLY KNOW IF MY PAPA LIKES ME OR NOT, SO I'M A LITTLE SCARED TOO. (HIS MIND IS SO COMPLICATED.)

AND HE GETS MAD AT ME A LOT.

BUT...

ANYA...

I KNOW EXACTLY HOW YOU FEEL. I GOT A 17.

YOU'RE AFRAID THAT YOUR FATHER IS GONNA FIND OUT HOW BAD YOU DID ON THE TEST.

...

DON'T COMPARE YOURSELF TO ME!

AND SO...

BECAUSE I LOVE HIM.

...I BELIEVE IN HIM.

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M!

I AM GOING TO SUMMON ALL MY COURAGE...

...TO TELL HIM I FAILED!

...

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...

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...?

NO IDEA.

WAIT, WHAT WAS I TALKING ABOUT?

UH, WHERE ARE YOU GOING, BOSS MAN?

FWD

DAM-MIT!

SUDDENLY THIS ALL FEELS SO STUPID.

TO THE COURT-YARD.

TO WAIT FOR FATHER.

TMP TMP

...BUT YOU DID IT, ANYA!

Heh!

Quite the lucky result!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT WAS ...

BECAUSE I'M NOT SCARED AT ALL!

TMP TMP

THAT'S THE SPIRIT, DAMIAN ...!

TWEET

CHIRP CHIRP

TWEET

My car is waiting. Let's go home!

WHAT? YOU'RE GOING TO WAIT HERE TOO?!

Why?!

YOU'RE REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT THIS, ANYA!

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GASP!

IS SHE SO EAGER TO MEET HIS PARENTS BECAUSE SHE WANTS THEIR BLESSING TO MARRY?!

OH!

I WANT TO SEE THE BIG MOMENT WITH MY OWN EYES!

FINE. THEN I'LL WAIT HERE WITH YOU!

MARTHA! TAKE ANYA BACK TO THE CAR.

OH, ANYA. YOU WEREN'T SERIOUS AT ALL!

We're leaving!

YES, MADAM.

ZZZ

ZZZ

SNRK

TMP TMP

You really are a free spirit, Anya.

I'M GLAD I THOUGHT TO MAKE THIS REPLICA.

Twilight's handmade replica
Cost of materials: 10 dalc

SO, ABOUT ANYA, SHE...

YES, YOU TOO, YOUNG LADY...

OH! HAVE A GOOD DAY, PROFESSOR!

THE MIXER SEEMS TO HAVE CONCLUDED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

CLANG CLANG

CAW CAW

AND NOW...

I'VE LEARNED A GREAT DEAL TODAY.

GUARD POSITIONS, EQUIPMENT, SECURITY PROTOCOLS...

VRRM

RMB

GOT IT.

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...AND I KNOW WHERE HE'S HEADED.

RMB

DESMOND IS ON THE MOVE...

VRRM

RMB

RMB

KLIK

NOW WHERE COULD IT BE ...?

KOOL KOOL

YEAH ...

YAWN

THE MEETING SHOULD BE ENDING ANY MINUTE NOW.

HAVE YOU SEEN A KEY CHAIN ANYWHERE?

IT'S SHAPED LIKE A SHEEP.

OH, EXCUSE ME, YOUNG MEN.

WAIT, DOESN'T THAT BELONG TO...

OH, THANK HEAVENS!

YES! THAT'S IT! THANK YOU SO MUCH!

IS THIS IT?

It was on the ground over there.

SHE ASKED ME TO FIND IT FOR HER. SHE'S IN TEARS, THE POOR THING.

MY DAUGHTER SAYS SHE MAY HAVE DROPPED IT NEAR HERE. IT MEANS A GREAT DEAL TO HER.

OH...

YES, I AM... OH, ARE YOU HER CLASSMATES?

POPS ...?

HM?

The doctor who hits his patients ?!

HEY, POPS, ARE YOU ANYA FORGER'S DAD?

Y-YEAH, THAT'S ME.

...MIGHT YOU BE DAMIAN DESMOND ...?

OH, WAIT A MINUTE. APOLOGIES IF I'M WRONG, BUT...

...

ACCEPT MY MOST HEART-FELT APOLO-GIES!

THMP

I BEG OF YOU, PLEASE ...

THE INCIDENT AT ORIENTATION...

MY DAUGHTER'S BEHAVIOR WAS COMPLETELY INEXCUSABLE!

NO, IT'S ...

IT'S FINE.

AS HER FATHER, THIS DISGRACE IS ULTIMATELY MINE TO BEAR.

OH... UH...

I WENT TO YOUR HOUSE TO APOLOGIZE THE NEXT DAY, BUT I WASN'T ABLE TO MEET WITH YOU OR YOUR PARENTS. IT'S BEEN WEIGHING ON ME EVER SINCE!

OH, I LIVE IN THE DORM, SO...

TMP TMP

OH!

IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, I WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGIZE TO YOUR PARENTS AS WELL...

...BUT FOR THE SAKE OF MY MISSION...

I'M SO SORRY FOR THIS, DAMIAN...

TMP TMP

BOSS MAN, HE'S HERE! YOUR FATHER MADE IT!

DM

...I NEED TO CRASH YOUR FAMILY REUNION!

DM

DM

DM

F-
FATHER
...

DM

SHP

EXCUSE ME, BUT YOU ARE CHAIRMAN DESMOND, ARE YOU NOT?

BACK OFF, SIR. PLEASE, CLEAR THE COURTYARD.

OH, UH... THE FATHER OF ONE OF MY CLASS-MATES.

MASTER DAMIAN, WHO IS THIS MAN?

WHAT IS IT?

IT'S FINE...

I WANTED TO APOLOGIZE, SIR, FOR THE REPREHENSIBLE BEHAVIOR MY DAUGHTER SHOWED TOWARD YOUR SON.

IF I MAY INTRODUCE MYSELF, SIR...

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MY NAME IS LOID FORGER.

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